

## BURTON FIGHTS BOLD GRAB BILL

Promoters Want Valuable  
River Grant.

### CLEVERLY HIDDEN TRICK

Provisions Give Franchise to Alabama  
From Which Magnates Will Se-  
cure \$7,000,000 Rights.

Representative Burton, chairman of the Rivers and Harbors Committee, fighting what is alleged to be one of the boldest grab bills attempted in a long time. It is an attempt to secure from the Government without return a water power grant covering thirty miles of the Tennessee river, called Muscle Shoals, within the State of Alabama. The real promoters are concealed behind a provision which gives this grant to the State of Alabama, from which these promoters are, in turn, to secure it. Digging deeper to the region of names on incorporation papers issued during earlier phases of this scheme one finds the usual sharks figuring as the supposed promoters. Senators Morgan and Carmack, who prepared a special report on this scheme, find that the rights asked for have a value of \$7,000,000.

#### Second Only to Niagara.

The thirty miles of rapids which the Government is asked to donate have a fall of 107 feet. A fourteen-mile strip, which the promoters of the bill are willing to accept as a compromise, has a fall of eighty-seven feet and is capable of accommodating nine power dams. The power thus generated would be second only to Niagara with its power possibilities fully utilized.

It is believed to be a scheme of New York magnates to create a new industrial district in Alabama, from which they could take millions of profit from real estate and power sources and for promoting. Suspicion has been aroused by the gum shoe methods employed to slip this bill through Congress. Its promoters had sufficient influence to keep it out of the hands of the Rivers and Harbors Committee and to place it with the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, of which Representative Richardson, of Alabama, who introduced the bill, is a member.

#### Burton on the Alert.

The Richardson bill, fixed up with a favorable report, was slipped through the House at a time calculated to catch Mr. Burton off his guard. But Mr. Burton reached the White House in advance of the bill. As a matter of fact, President Roosevelt vetoed the same bill when passed by the Fifty-seventh Congress, largely on the advice of Mr. Burton and the Government engineers. Last year the bill, which was again introduced, was given its proper reference to the Rivers and Harbors Committee. Hearing a similar fate its promoters recalled it to offer an amendment reducing the grant from thirty to fourteen miles of the river.

#### Government Should Get Return.

Chairman Burton has taken the ground when his committee has passed on these power bills that the Government should exact some return. A bill granting a water power franchise in the upper Tennessee river near Chattanooga, which passed Congress with the approval of the House River and Harbor Committee, provided, for instance, that the company should construct a navigation lock whenever the Government should require it and this company has also undertaken to furnish the city of Chattanooga with electric arc lighting for fifty years, free of cost. President Roosevelt is disposed to take similar ground. The Richardson bill, recalled for amendment, lies on the Speaker's desk from which it may be taken at any time. When it comes up there will be a sharp fight.

## EIGHT WHO WILL SERVE AS USHERS AT LONGWORTH-ROOSEVELT WEDDING.



FRANCIS R. DANCY.



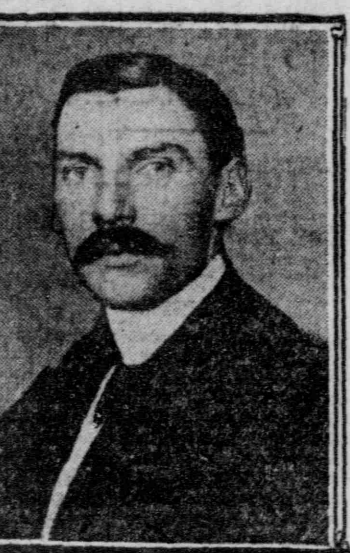
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### PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT GUEST AT A DINNER

(Continued from First Page.)

club gatherings and afternoon teas, declare that entirely too much fuss is being made over the wedding, and furthermore, that the array of costly presents, aside from being undemocratic, is "all foolishness."

"There has been undue show and display," said Mrs. C. E. Robinson, of the Political Equality Club, "and it is certainly poor taste. Cuba would have done much better. It seems to me, if she had sent a note expressing her congratulations instead of giving Miss Roosevelt a diamond necklace."

"The accounts of the wedding will have a bad influence on young and un-informed girls," declared Mrs. H. Brown. "They will get false ideas, and perhaps try to imitate Miss Roosevelt and the details of her wedding."

### Classmate of Longworth Unable to Attend

WESTBORO, Mass., Feb. 15.—Richard F. Parker, a selectman of this town, and Mrs. Parker, are among the fortunate ones to receive invitations to the Longworth-Roosevelt wedding.

Mr. Parker this morning said that neither he nor his wife would attend the wedding. He says he has other engagements for that time. Mr. Parker was a classmate of Mr. Longworth at Harvard.

### Bookings for Wedding Tax Limits of Hotels

From the advance bookings in the leading hotels, the Roosevelt-Longworth wedding will prove a bonanza to them. At present there have been more than three hundred advance reservations for Friday and Saturday at the Willard and the Arlington. Reservations have been made for Friday and Saturday at the New Willard for Mrs. Morgan Dix, Robert Gillette, A. H. Chatfield, J. A. Boyden, W. A. Stuart, Robert Winsor, E. M. McIlvaine, Clarence Moore, R. Fulton Cutting, John E. Roosevelt, E. P. Saltonstall, W. Bayard Cutting, Paul Morton, D. C. Anderson, Francis Peabody, Cornelius Underhill, E. W. Benson, R. H. Halowell, E. H. Harriman, Thomas Newbold, Mrs. Francis W. Lee, Miss Harriet Lee, Admiral Ludlow, E. Reeve Merritt, Cornelius Bliss, Jr., E. W. Ogilby, W. W. Hopkin, C. H. Clark, Nathaniel Thayer, and others.

At the Arlington the management has reserved apartments for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Emory Smith, Wade H. Ellis, F. H. Willard and wife, J. A. Young and wife, R. M. Saltonstall and wife, Ed Brandegee and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Kilbourn, Quincey Adams Shaw, Jr., J. S. Shepherd, Oscar S. Strauss and wife, Lafayette Young and wife, Walter Denegre and wife, Andrew Miller and wife, F. Skidley, Von Steude, Arthur Wood, Messrs. Robertson and Terry, R. L. Montgomery and wife, Wilbur Kyle and wife, George H. Ingalls, Julian Codman, Blair Painter, William Winthrop, Mrs. Gaston, M. P. Bradley and wife, James C. Russell, Henry Jackson, John A. Hance and wife, Mrs. Katherine Gillette Hill and Samuel L. Powers.

It was stated at both hotels today that the bookings were the largest in the



THOMAS N. PERKINS.



THEODORE ROOSEVELT JR.



LARS ANDERSON.

### Rehearsal of Wedding In Full This Afternoon

This afternoon at 5 o'clock in the East Room, there will be a full rehearsal of the Longworth-Roosevelt wedding. President Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt, and all of the immediate parties to the wedding will be present. While the decorations have not been completed, the rehearsal will be exactly similar to the ceremony Saturday at noon. The platform upon which the bride and groom will stand, has already been erected.

### French Tapestries Too Big for the Room

One of the handsomest gifts among Miss Roosevelt's collection is the present from the President of France, a large piece of the famous Gobelin tapestry, which arrived in this country some days ago. The tapestry (which is valued at a price from \$25,000 to \$50,000, and is a copy of one of the originals in the Mazanin gallery of the French National Gallery. The original was designed by Francois Ehrman, of Alsace. The tapestry is called "The Middle Ages."

#### Originals Are Priceless.

The original and its companion pieces are said to be priceless. This design was selected from the four panels because of its superior beauty of conception. The tapestry measures six by eight feet and is much too large to be fitted into any apartment, even at the White House.

#### First Chose China.

When the President of France determined to send a gift to Miss Roosevelt,

he practically decided upon a set of French china, but on learning that the bride-elect was receiving much of this ware, another gift was considered. M. Michel was at once put to work on the copy of "The Middle Ages" and continued zealously at his task until it was completed.

### UNCLE SAM IS THIRD AS A COAL EXPORTER

Exports of coal and coke from the United States in the calendar year 1905, according to a report made by the Department of Commerce and Labor, aggregated over thirty-one million dollars in value, against a little more than eleven million dollars in 1903, a decade earlier.

The United States now holds third rank among the nations as an exporter of coal, although she holds first rank as a producer of that article. The United Kingdom and Germany are larger exporters of coal than the United States, but the growth in our coal exports in recent years has been more rapid proportionately than that of other countries, and suggests still further possibilities. Of the \$31,215,623 value of coal and coke exported from the United States in 1905 \$17,367,394 was bituminous coal; \$11,104,654 anthracite and \$2,743,575 coke. Of the bituminous coal, eleven and a half millions' value went to British North America, and of the anthracite coal, nearly all went to British North America, the total to other parts of the world being less than \$200,000. Mexico is the next largest customer for American coal.

#### GENELLA WILL RECOVER.

Physicians at the Emergency Hospital, where Charles Genella, eighteen years old, of 75 Seventh street north-east, was taken after being injured in an elevator accident in the Willard Hotel last night, said today that he was much improved and no apprehension was felt for his recovery.

### ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA., FEB. 15

In a pretty home wedding at 1 o'clock this afternoon, at the home of James R. Caton, in North Columbus street, Miss Hyrd Grigsby Fitzhugh, formerly of Pulaaki City, Va., became the bride of Dr. Edwin Fernyough, of Washington. The Rev. J. P. Stump, of the Southern Methodist Church, conducted the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Fernyough left on a wedding tour through the North. They will reside in Washington.

#### SHOW WINDOW ROBBED.

When E. Abrahamson reached his place of business, King and Washington streets, this morning, he found the heavy plate glass in his show window broken and the goods he had left on display missing. The thief's plunder included one double-breasted coat, five sack coats, one brown-toed shoe, two patent leather shoes, one umbrella, one pair of trousers, one vest, caps and neckties.

#### FINED FOR FURNITURE DEAL.

Eugene Howell, colored, was fined \$100 and given six months in jail by Police

Justice Caton this morning, for selling the furniture of a colored man, John Quill, with whom he resided in West street.

#### MRS. SLAYMAKER DEAD.

Mrs. Anna L. Slaymaker, widow of Henry C. Slaymaker, died at her home, 517 Cameron street this morning. Mrs. Slaymaker had been ill for some time.

#### GEORGE H. BASSART DIES.

George H. Bassart, a well-known and popular Alexandrian, died at the Hotel Schwab last evening. Mr. Bassart had been in ill health for some time, but his death was sudden.

#### CELEBRATE SILVER WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolphus Robey, of 215 South Columbus street, will this evening celebrate their silver wedding.

#### TWO LECTURES GIVEN.

Prof. Monaghan, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, lectured at the hall of the Young Men's Sodality Lyceum last evening under the auspices of Fitzgerald Council, No. 488, Knights of Columbus.

At Lee Camp Hall, Representative M. E. Benton, of Missouri, lectured on the life and character of Gen. N. B. Forrest.

#### ELKS ENTERTAIN.

Alexandria Lodge of Elks gave a social at their hall, Prince and Royal streets, last evening. Solos were sung by Mrs. Robert F. Downham, Miss Lucy Graves, and J. Harris Franklin, Kenneth Ogden, R. L. Wenzel, and George E. Evans. The affair was in charge of the committee composed of Louis E. Shuman, Harry Fleischman, G. F. Bradley, Frederick P. Russell, G. T. Caton, and J. B. Fitzgerald.

#### SUIT OVER SMOOT ESTATE.

In the corporation court suit was entered by Col. F. L. Smith and E. B. Taylor, for the heirs of J. H. D. Smoot, to sell all the property left by Mr. Smoot.

#### YOUTH GETS HIGHWAYMAN TO PLAY MONEY FOR BOOKS

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Declaring that the proceeds of his robbery were to have been expended for school books, William Deekman, seventeen years old and a grammar school pupil, confessed to the police of the Desplaines street station that he had held up Edward Deffion, at Curtis street and Washington boulevard, and robbed him of fifty cents and some jewelry.

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